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THE WOLF AND SHEEP.

VICTOR L. BERGER POINTS OUT THE REAL CAUSES
OF THE DECLINE IN BUILDING OPERATIONS.

AN EFFORT IS NOW being made in the capitalistic press to hold the workmen responsible for the slack times coming on in various branches of business. It is pointed out that through the great strikes of the building trades employees, the demand for iron has much decreased and therefore a restriction of production has become necessary. This results again in restriction in other departments, in the supply of coal, in transportation etc. and so one industry after another is fastened in the chain.

The process is described quite correctly, but its cause is purposely misrepresented. Of course the strikes of the building trades were not entirely without influence, but they formed the ultimate, and not the first and most important cause. This consists simply in the fact that for twelve or fourteen years the capacity of the furnaces in the United States has more than doubled, and this, even for American development, is a little too "strenuous." The iron and steel production has now increased to about 21 million tons a year in this country. But since 500 pounds of iron on an average are consumed per head, what can be the end? We positively cannot take iron for breakfast.

The real reason is overproduction, and the reason of overproduction is the enormous profit which the production of iron and steel has returned of late years. During the crisis of the nineties raw iron was sold at \$9 a ton; last year it cost about \$22. At the same time the cost of production has scarcely increased, for if wages have risen a little, on the other hand the more modern furnaces are so far superior that the cost of production per ton has even diminished. This can be proved by figures. The enormous profits—promoted by a high protective tariff—has stimulated production. There is no lack of raw material, neither of coke nor of ore, and if a hundred per cent profit can be made, of course this is done, and thus the matter is explained very simply.

Iron ore is now sold at \$15 a ton, which price still gives most manufacturers a considerable profit. They have resolved to maintain this price and therefore have limited the product.

But why is nothing said about the strikes of the capitalists? Take for example the cotton crisis, which prevailed during the last few months. It was not brought about by an absolute lack of raw material. The "visible supply" of cotton never fell below some hundred thousand bales. But first a clique made a corner and drove the price up to a fabulous point, and then the manufacturers found it more profitable to sell their stock of cotton than to have it worked up. They threw their workmen out into the street without any remorse. Moreover all over our blessed country the cotton crisis was a very opportune occasion for the manufacturers—including the manufacturers of "all wool" goods—to throw down their workmen.

Finally, to cite yet another, but very essential cause of the dull times: For a considerable time the stock market has been in a convulsion. After it proved impossible to quietly palm off on the public the tens of millions of "values" without value, which had been "created" in the recent trust-making period, after the stock speculators came off so badly in their tug-of-war game, in which their bait was swallowed by the brokers and bankers in the shape of interest and commissions, the game had to come to an end. Then followed the liquidation of the "undigested stocks" and with it the drop in prices. And now the public, while it had half a loaf left, threw on the market of the stocks it had purchased, in order not to lose the whole loaf. And thus of course the situation was made still worse. The greater the trouble in stocks, the greater is the "want of confidence," and no one will enter into new enterprises if it is to be feared that a panic may set in any day.

It is the old story of the sheep which the wolf accused of troubling the water. The capitalists are trying to shift the responsibility for the results of their own excesses. The wolf cries out that it is the sheep which has spoiled the water for him; while the sheep is always down the stream.

Victor L. Berger.

Some reader of The Herald has favored us with a Haverhill paper containing an account of a capitalist campaign meeting in that city at which the principal speakers were Martha Moore Avery and David Goldstein, former Socialists who failed to get control of the party in Boston and then sold themselves to the enemy. These two disreputables are now being used against the Socialists in the local Massachusetts campaigns in a despicable effort of the capitalist class to suppress the political movement of the working class of New England.

Of course, honest criticism of Socialism is not to be expected from this unsavory pair, and yet it is surprising to a Socialist to notice that the chief burden of their speeches was to the effect that Socialists stand for free love. Our acquaintance with Socialists throughout the country is not limited, and it has been our observation that there is no class of people more free from sexual perversion than the members of the Socialist army. We should like to be able to say as much for the people who believe in capitalism, but a land dotted with brothels does not argue for purity on their part, any more than do the orgies that go on in high society in every city in the land.

In looking over the Socialists of our own city we know them to be high-minded and pure-minded people, for belief in Socialism makes for decency in all things. And here is a curious fact, that the only thing we have ever heard expressed by Socialists in New England concerned these two renegades, Goldstein and Avery, whose personal relations were said to reflect on the movement. Strange—and yet it is strange! that it should be these two who are now bandying the unbecomable foul slander of free love against the Socialists?

When the Republican party was once and had not as yet been captured by the harlot of capitalism, it was charged with favoring free love. And those who hurled the charge in those days were no lower in the scale of decency than this foul Boston pair, Avery and Goldstein.

There is even more than a question of decency and a question of things modern society deems life.

"Is there room for another hook on economics?" is the question that Prof. Wm. Mitchell Bowack tosses at his readers in the preface of his new book, "Another View of Industrialism." Judging from the following paragraph which we quote from the body of the book, we should say that there wasn't room for very many more, at least! Here is the quotation:

"We know that Socialism of the most dangerous kind is not only tolerated, but fostered by the Roman church in her ecclesiastical interests. The cast-iron, merciless tyranny of the state Socialist is consonant with the tyrannical rule of the priest. We know that the robbery and spoliation of Irish landlords is only advocated by the Irish clergy as a part of the policy of their religious propaganda. Anarchy in Italy was openly preached by the Roman priesthood as a means to wreck Italian unity and revenge themselves on the Italian monarchy. The priesthood foster anarchy also in France, nihilism in Russia and red Socialism in Germany (?) to obtain a triumph over and command of the policy of those states. In view of these facts the identification of priestly designs with economic fallacy is not an impossible danger, and it is one of the most formidable imaginable."

All of which is a fine jumble of sense and nonsense.

This eminently capitalistic age we are living in is certainly not an age of social purity. In proof of this just open your eyes to the latest caper of the women of the upper ten. It consists in catching hold of the skirt behind while walking and drawing it up sideways in such a way as to clearly mark the outlines of that portion of the anatomy known to the small boy as the "spanking place." Nature has favored womankind with an ample amount of avoidpoups at this part of the figure, and our "respectable" society women, rotten-minded most of them, have discovered that the sort of display we have described tends to attract the attention of prurient-minded men, and they are making the most of the discovery! It certainly discounts the days of "palpatitors" and also keeps us in mind of the fact that capitalism is fast turning immodesty into outright rotteness, from which only Socialism can rescue the people.

"There is no wealth but character," prates Herbert Casson. Then Casson must still be a poor man in spite of his sell-outs!

When Grover Cleveland talks of good citizenship he does not refer to his action when president of prostituting his office to the purpose of a real estate deal that made him a millionaire!

Elijah Dowie in his crusade in New York cried out that the New York ministers were "sniveling hypocrites protected by the cloth of Christ," which is pretty close to the mark. He said that if a tent was put over the city it would be one seething brothel—which it must also be admitted was a bulls-eye shot! "The best families are the most immoral," he said, which nobody can deny, either.

The newspapers are much concerned because Mrs. Putter Palmer of Chicago is ill of typhoid fever in Paris. Every day the class that she gets her plunder from as a parasite on our human bees, presents cases of the saddest of deaths, due to poor nourishment, dangerous habitations and the wear and tear of their wretched drudgery to pile up profits for the plundering class, and the papers do not waste a tear over it.

Out in Telluride, Colo., the Socialists have been getting a great deal of amusement out of an attempt of the authorities to shut off their propaganda street meetings. The trials themselves have been great propaganda meetings. There was scarcely standing room in the court house. Comrade Floaten, one of the men arrested, emphasized the point that he was arrested because he was a Socialist, when pleading his case before the jury, and explained the philosophy and program of the Socialist party so the jury might judge if a man should be arrested because he adhered to those principles. The judge called him down twice for leaving the subject. At the second trial the jury acquitted Floaten, and the other cases were dismissed, except that of Comrade J. C. Barnes, which was postponed until December. The expense to the city was about \$1,200. The local comrades held a celebration when Floaten was acquitted.

Have you given a thought to the epidemic of corruption exposures that is sweeping over the country? Have you thought of why there should be such a bunching of exposures at just the time, and why, if the rottenness existed, it was not uncovered long ago? There is one thing certain, this coming to light of municipal corruption in a wholesale way, and in various cities at the same time, has its significance for the student of social science. Leaving out the government probing into the rotten postoffice scandals, we have seen Minneapolis indict her mayor and other officials for making themselves rich by selling indulgences to vice, we have seen a wholesale uncovering of administrative and legislative crooks at St. Louis, Milwaukee is having a capitalist spasm of virtue, Chicago has been caught red-handed in official corruption with the mayor admitting that every city department harbored crooks, and New York has been at it, and Detroit, Pittsburgh, and so on and on even down to the smaller cities. What does it mean, and why has it happened now instead of at some other time? Without doubt municipal rottenness has existed for years, but it would seem that it has grown in magnitude in recent years, and we do not hesitate to lay the blame at the door of our "leading" citizens! These predatory capitalists are banded together in corporations and other "business" undertakings. These bodies, through trusty agents have been growing bolder each year in corrupting legislation. They have done a great deal to make the municipal atmosphere hopelessly corrupt and their quiet help has encouraged "wide-open town" mayors to get into office. Thus it is that municipal rottenness has been caused by just the sort of men that the ignorant citizen looks to to stop corruption. Seeing this corruption all about him, the boodler has become an arch-boodler, the heeler a legislative hold-up man. The development of capitalism is not at a standstill. It is unfolding day by day. This happens, therefore, to be just the time when capitalistic municipal corruption has reached the stage where it has been forced by its growth to stop over in public, and hence the epidemic of exposures. Now don't let us be misunderstood. We charge it boldly that it is our most "respectable" citizen who is the arch-enemy of purity in municipal affairs. It is on him that the light should be turned. Far and away, he is the greatest hypocrite and the greatest rascal the modern system of society has produced!

The Herald of this week is issued under the difficulties inseparable from moving from its old location to the new. Things are in something of a turmoil and it will be a week probably before we can feel that we are settled and in smooth working shape. A glance at the funds below will show what Socialist comradeship means and that our workers have not left us in the lurch in a critical hour. We are simply forced to move, even though we could scarcely see how the expense was to be met. It was impossible to do good work in the old quarters, it was completely and in all ways outgrown. Yet, had it not been for that faith which Socialists have in the co-operation of the comrades at large, we should have remained at 614 State street. Give the funds the aid you can, comrades—"All for the Cause," you know! And another thing. Please be patient with us if your letters are not promptly answered, or if your orders are not filled immediately. It will only be for a few days that there is confusion, and then we will be able to give a service far ahead of anything in the past.

New Headquarters Fund.

Previously acknowledged	\$48.00
Painters' and Decorators' Union	
No. 159	5.00
Temperance lecture	.50
Not to be named	.35
Dr. Carl Barkman	1.16
H. Bestian	.75
Wm. Jordan	.50
Chas. Belov	.25
Th. Hougard	.50
Carl Malewsky	.50
Louis F. Reuter	.25
Paul Bringe	1.00
A. Speers	.50
G. W. Gittins	.25
Wm. Roecker	1.25
Herman Shire	1.25
Alb. Schoenfeld	.25
John Roessler	.50
Peter Jacobs	.50
A. Buehler	3.00
Victor L. Berger	1.25
E. A. C.	1.00
H. J. Ammann	1.16
Louis Buehner	1.18
R. S. Stearns	.50
Chas. Axel	.50
Alb. Glaeser	1.00
Earl Germain	.40
Henry Heuer	.50
Anton Pueliner	.25
Frank Risch	1.25
Chas. Dehling	1.25
Fred. Althen	.50
Total	\$78.24

The larger part of the addressing machine has arrived and the wiring for the electric motor is about ready. The men will be here to set the machine up by the time this paper reaches the reader, and next week's wrappers will be printed under our own roof! The addressing machine fund is nearly completed, as you will see. Now is the time to give it the final boost.

Addressing Machine Fund.

Previously acknowledged	\$325.00
A. Beck, city	5.00
Wm. Roecker, Chilton, Wis.	10.00
Total	\$340.00

Donations Addressing Machine Fund.

Previously acknowledged	\$20.00
J. K. city	1.00
F. M. Watson, Whitewater	1.00
John Erdman, city	.50
Nick. F. Peterson, city	.25
Total	\$22.75

The workers are better off now than they used to be, we are told by the capitalists. Well, if they are, it is because of their own struggles to keep the capitalists from actually skinning them alive! But measured by its productiveness under modern methods, the working class is robbed worse today than ever in the world's history.

Capitalism is in a bad fix. There is now a solid, planful, fanatically unswerving Socialist movement throughout the land, for which the people at large are coming to have respect. When the hard times breaks with full force upon the people they are more than liable to see a refuge that did not exist during former panic years, that is, they are pretty certain to fly for succor to the Socialist movement. Some pretty rapid history is going to be made, or we miss our guess, and capitalism may find the people's resentment for their tragic wrongs, long endured, led into a channel it will not relish.

Eight common working slaves lost their lives by the falling of a crane in Pittsburgh the other day. But it didn't matter very much—there were plenty of others ready to jump into the jobs! What a system it is, when the violent effacement of several workers comes as a boon to others who are out of work and in danger of starvation. How often you hear the remark: "A fire is a good thing; it destroys property which has to be rebuilt and therefore makes more work." But people who reason in that capitalistic way do not quite dare to follow their logic to its logical conclusion and say that the killing off of workmen is a good thing, because it makes jobs for others who are in need of work!

The top-line on our first page last week was suggested by National Committeeman Kerigan, of Texas.

If the goddess of Justice were really blind as claimed she might occasionally run down the rich rascals by mistake—but she doesn't. She sees too well!

Chicago has appropriated \$3,000 out of its city treasury to use in cleaning the grafters out of the city hall! We wonder how much of the \$3,000 will find its way into the grafters' pockets!

Socialistic trade unionists who will go as delegates to the A. F. of L. convention at Boston, will oblige us if they will acquaint us with the fact, also the name of the body they represent.

It is a dirty bird that befools its own nest, says the old maxim. And we are reminded of this when we read of Martha Moore-Avery now denouncing Socialism as an immoral movement after having been active in that very movement for twelve years! Does she mean to tell us that she has finally developed a moral nature?

When the working class—the class upon whom the country depends—really get it into their heads that this government is thoroughly out of sympathy with them and that it regards them as nobodies, they will combine at the polls and change the government.

The centuries have been red with the blood of the workers. The past written history is made up principally of accounts of the doings of parasites made into heroes and the real people overlooked. The day of reckoning ought to be due by this time, but revenge for the wrongs of the centuries is a thing impossible to put into execution—the cumulative wrongs are too overwhelming for calculation and no reparation is possible to the victims long dead. The working people can afford to be forgiving, but they cannot afford to tolerate further injustice. They are massing to take their final stand against capitalistic usurpation. The line of battle is being squarely drawn, the great battle is just ahead. Onward to the fray! For Humanity and Right, for Economic Liberty and Justice!

An Oshkosh daily goes into hysterics because the Socialists of Milwaukee refused to accept a place on the committee of ten named by the citizens to smelt out corruption and help purify the city hall and county board. But the Socialists had very good reasons. In the first place they know that nothing of permanent value can come from the work of such a committee. Also, they do not believe in punishment so much as they do in prevention—in changing conditions so that men in public life are not led into corruption. Also, they know that the plan of a committee of citizens as citizens with capitalist minds usually go, would be to punish the bribe takers and whitewash the bribe givers—the "respectable" leading citizens. And also they knew that the investigation would be a farce, helped on by business men with reputations none the best, whose activity would be explained by the old story about the biggest rogue yelling "stop thief" loudest to avert suspicion from himself. The Socialists did not propose to be compromised by getting mixed up with such an affair, far after the investigation had flatted out it would be just papers like the Oshkosh daily who would point with exultation to the fact that even Socialists had tried to investigate corruption and been able to find none. And in proof of our claim that the investigation will be a sort of "stop thief" humbug, we may point to the fact that one of the men who is busying himself in passing the hat round to raise funds for the purposes of the committee of ten is ex-Boss Wall, the recent president of the chamber of commerce, a man who rose suspiciously from comparative poverty to great wealth and a mansion on Prospect avenue, through the combination of his position as boss of the Democratic party and that of general manager of the electric lighting company! The memory of those rotten days in local affairs is still fresh with many citizens, who remember how Henry C. Payne, one of the worst political rascals that ever breathed, was the Republican boss and Wall was the Democratic boss, and how at the same time THEY WERE BUSINESS PARTNERS, Payne as general manager of the street railway company and Wall as general manager of the electric lighting company, the two corporations being owned by the same bunch of Eastern capitalists. Astonishing indeed it was that these two political rascals could pull the wool over the voters' eyes and manage campaigns against each other and stand together in corrupting local legislation and getting valuable franchises and concessions free, without interruption. Yet it was a fact, nevertheless. Now this man Wall is going to help purify the city and county government! Ye gods!

CRIMES OF CAPITALISM.

EUGENE V. DEBS ON THE EXPOSURES OF THE DAWES COMMISSION.—A NEGRO BOY'S EXPERIENCE.

THE FRAUDS and other outrages perpetrated upon the few remaining Indians in the name of our raunted civilization are shocking beyond expression. From the very first landing of the white man the shameless crime of spoliation began. The "savage" must be civilized! And forthwith deceit, duplicity, theft and murder were enlisted in the conquest.

The history of this conquest is crimson with crime. The cruelest atrocities and most bloodthirsty vindictiveness of the American Indian were inspired and fanned into flame by the treachery and rapine of the marauding and plundering civilization.

It is this that has constituted "the white man's burden." Voltaire once said, as nearly as I can recall his words: "William Penn was the only man who ever made a treaty with the American Indians not affirmed by an oath, and the only treaty that was never violated."

The investigation of the Dawes Commission and the wholesale robbery of Indians, squaws and papposes by the government agents will furnish one of the concluding chapters in the history of civilizing (?) the savage (!) that will fitly climax four centuries of Christian conquest in the new world.

In this connection, the following dispatch clipped from the St. Louis Globe Democrat of Oct. 4th, is highly edifying:

Miami, I. T., October 3.—Grafters in the Indian Territory are resorting to a unique method for making money. It has long been known that the Indian squaw readily falls in love with the first white man she meets who is willing to pay her any attention, and it does not matter very much whether he is handsome and stylish, or ugly; whether he is old or young, rich or poor. This makes easy sailing for the grafters of the territory, who have been making profitable use of the Indian maiden, by contracting with her to furnish a white husband for a cash consideration. Money has no value to the redskins, and it is said that in some cases they have been known to pay as much as \$100 in cash for a husband.

The brokers have no trouble in finding the husband, as the girls are in come into possession of some very valuable land. When the Choctaw allotment is made every maiden in that nation will come into possession of 320 acres of land and about \$2500 in cash as her share of the tribal funds on deposit in the United States treasury.

Some of these girls are very pretty, yet they could be readily picked as Indians. Many of them have received good education at the Indian schools, and most of them are willing to marry as soon as they get their allotment and the cash in hand. In many cases the brokers pull strings at both ends. They accept a contract from the girl to furnish her a husband at from \$25 to \$100, and then they advertise in some of the Eastern papers for the husband. They make him a proposition to furnish him with a pretty Indian girl, for from \$100 to \$250. When the Eastern lad with a desire for the West learns that he is to get a bride with a fortune, and that he will have nothing to do for a year at least but spend her money, he becomes an easy customer for the marriage broker.

This is some of the "civilization" that Socialism is to wreck; some of the "incentive" it is to destroy; some of the "individuality" it is to blot out; some of the "homes" it is to break up.

Yes, by the gods, that is in the line of the social revolution and when it has done its work these vile abominations will be wiped from the earth.

The other day I met a full-blood Indian Socialist. The light in his eyes and the warm, eager pressure of his hand thrilled me through and through.

Welcome, indeed, red comrade!

The Paris (Illa.) Gazette recently had the following which was copied in the Terre Haute papers:

Friell Thompson, a 19 year old negro youth enroute from Chattanooga, Tenn., to St. Louis, fell or was knocked beneath a Big Four freight train in the Midland yards at 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning and his left leg so badly crushed that amputation was found necessary. For four hours the mutilated negro lay on a truck at the down town depot, while the authorities were settling a dispute as to who was responsible for his care. His ragged clothes affording little protection from the falling rain. A box served as a pillow.

Had the victim been rich instead of poor, even though black, the "authorities" would have had no dispute about his care. A ragged white boy would have fared no better. The "authorities" under capitalism are out for the "stuff." They are also "patriots" and for "the old flag."

What utter heartlessness this incident discloses! A man-eating tiger or shark could not be more destitute of mercy. It is enough to make a bronze statue shudder and yet it is not an uncommon occurrence. It is said that "poverty is not a crime." It is a lie. Poverty is a crime and the penalty is death by torture and neglect.

Socialism and only Socialism will banish the gaunt monster poverty from the world.

Fort Worth, Tex., Oct. '03.

Capitalism is getting more panicky every day. It is approaching a smash. And periodical smashes are inevitable under the workings of the capitalistic wage and profit system. Under it the working class works for wages that do not enable it to buy back its product. As the working class is also the buying class, this means that every so often the unpurchased goods accumulate to such an extent that the production of them has to be curtailed, which means added distress in the working army, and a consequent further lessening of the working class's purchasing ability, and so the smash begins. Even looking for foreign markets for the disposal of the surplus goods only eases up the problem a little, for other countries are piling up surpluses also. It's a crazy system, as you must admit. Any man who will look it squarely in the face must admit that as managers of the country's industry the capitalist class is a great failure, and that it ought to make way for better management—management that has in view the rights of every individual to an ample living, instead of the profits of a small capitalist class.

The great ship Prosperity sprung another leak last week when two big Baltimore trust companies went to the wall for a little matter of ten millions of dollars. The news of the smash caused a ticklish feeling in financial circles all over the country, we are told, and stocks declined and several smaller concerns had to give up the ghost also. Wonderful business system, isn't it, when ten millions can be "lost" so easily! But we must not criticise our great business men. They are the genius of our American institutions, you know.

Next week we will tell you about The Herald's old and new quarters and give a view of the new quarters as well as the old.

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What International Socialism Demands:

1. Collective ownership of public utilities and all industries in the hands of Trusts and Combinations.
2. Democratic management of such collective industry.
3. Reduction of the hours of labor and progressively increased remuneration.
4. State and National Insurance for the workers and honorable rest for old age.
5. The inauguration of public industries to safeguard the workers against lack of employment.
6. Education of ALL children up to the age of 18 years. No child labor.
7. Equal political and civil rights for men and women.

If you believe in the above vote with the Social Democrats.

Exploiting the Poor Capitalists!

A new form of grafting has sprung up in this country, to which it may be well to direct our attention, at least briefly. This new form of grafting finds easy victims among the capitalists, by means of which certain men who would otherwise have to earn their bread by the sweat of their faces as members of the working-army, fix up for themselves lives of comparative ease, with capitalism apparently footing the bills.

Living by one's wits is an accomplishment that developed long ago in the fertile Yankee brain. It is always capable of new applications and modifications as the capitalist system unfolds, and in a good many cases the grafting is upon the capitalist class itself, that is, the grafters so shape their scheme that the living it yields comes out of the plunder the capitalists secure from labor.

Under the capitalist system there are two ways of making wealth. The one way is the legitimate way, that of producing it by hard toil. The great bulk of the male population of society (and the women and children, too, alas!) are forced into hard labor to bring into existence the wealth needed by society. The system then despoils them of the greater part of it.

Then the second process of "making" wealth takes place. It is that process known as "making money," which consists in getting the dollars from one pocket into another. By methods legitimate and illegitimate, by means of rent, profit and interest, by dishonesty, legal and illegal, by sharp practice and even by gambling and outright burglary, the division of the spoils of labor is carried on. And as this scramble of the market, this thing called commercialism, knows no right but might, the system has to be bolstered up by police forces, jails and penitentiaries to protect the one rascal from the others. There are big city office buildings filled to overflow with men living by their wits. Many of them get their living without work and they don't care, who foots the bills so long as they get a respectable living.

One of the latest schemes of this class of human vampires consists in luring the capitalists—who are often stupid men in many ways—into the organization of anti-organized labor associations which provide the schemers with fat jobs as secretaries and editors of official papers. In this the capitalists have been found particularly "easy," and so we see such associations in existence as the National Economic League, the Civic Federation, the National Manufacturers' Association, and the like, all with nice berths attached.

It is a graft that works well just now. How long it will continue we do not pretend to know. Nor do we care. The rich are parasites, and it is nothing new in nature to see parasites support still other parasites. And in this instance, in the last analysis, labor supports both!

And now a new and meaner variety of grafter has come upon the scene.

Discovering that the rich class was becoming disturbed over the steady, relentless growth of Socialism in this country, these fears have been dwelt upon and the capitalists made to feel that an anti-Socialist press was a necessity, to counteract the mischievous poison of collectivism—the red specter, as it has been called. One Herbert Casson led off in this disreputable business. Later on, an anti-Socialist paper was launched at Haverhill, Mass., a large manufacturing city in which the working class has had the audacity to assert its collective strength at the ballot box, with the result that it elected the first Socialist mayor in the country and still "holds the fort." Now a second paper has made its appearance, edited by F. G. Gordon, at one time a worker in the Socialist ranks, but whose usefulness to that movement was somewhat impaired by certain revelations regarding relations with old party politicians. When the Socialist movement became unbecomingly, Gordon flew to that foxy opponent of Socialism, Samuel Gompers, and doubtless had Gompers' endorsement to the Haverhill capitalists, via the Mark Hanna route, when he, Gordon, decided to graft upon that particular and promising field.

A copy of this latest effusion lies on our table. One leading scare-head reads: "Socialist Platform a Mass of Untruth," and elsewhere on the front page we find Casson's absurd screed about Greenbaum's report reprinted. All through the paper are articles attempting to rehabilitate that worn out lie about Socialism being against the purity of the home and the right of the people to worship as they please. An especial attempt is made to inflame Catholic working slaves in New England against our party and our philosophy, but it is a far-fetched attempt and reminds us of some of the A. P. A. absurdities that floated about the country some years ago.

All in all the Haverhill paper is a good illustration of the bankruptcy of facts the opponent of Socialism possesses, and it is our guess that the capitalists who are putting up for the grafters will in time learn that they are being flim-flammed. But while the graft lasts it is a good one.

Alex. B. McCulloch writes from Manchester, Md., to ask when the S. L. P. fused with other parties, as charged in our editorial note in explanation of the form of the original resolution of the national committee on the subject of fusion. In the resolution it was stated that at the "present stage of development of the movement" there was no excuse for fusion with other movements, the phrasing of this portion of the resolutions was by Comrade Hilquit, if we are not mistaken, who was a former S. L. P. and familiar with the past history of the party in this country. This portion was amended later because it might seem to some to mean that a future stage of development might make fusion possible—which, of course, is contrary to all Socialist principles. As to our correspondent's question we simply acquaint him with the facts that Comrade Hilquit undoubtedly had in mind: That the S. L. P. fused with the Henry Georgeites in New York state in 1886, and that prior to that the party had at various places round the country fused with the Greenbackers. It was during the fusion with the Georgeites that Daniel DeLeon came into prominence in the party.

Charles H. Kerr of Chicago has issued an unauthorized directory of the local secretaries of the Socialist party throughout the United States, a thing that fakirs who want to deluge our movement with their schemes will not be slow to take advantage of—Hearst, for instance. The Wisconsin state committee refused to give out a list, which leads Kerr to insert a curt criticism and a defiance that is in very bad taste, considering that he is scolding a rather large sized patron of his book concern. It was Kerr, we believe, who took the secretaryship of Illinois some time ago in order to fill his correspondence with printed matter advertising his business, which was in about as good taste as his recent exhibition.

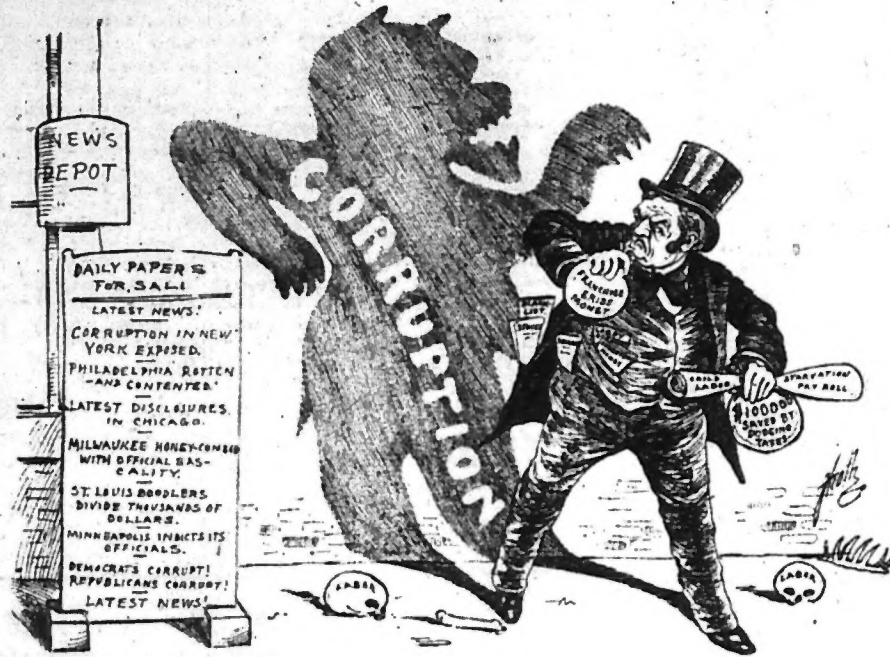
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HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

Editor Social Democratic Herald: Comrade Spargo in his reply to Father McGrady states among other things that he is prepared to discuss the question at issue ("Cheap Socialism or Graft?") with any comrade who approaches it in good faith. Well—I am prepared to accept the challenge. I have been in the movement from boyhood. The Russian government first conferred upon me the honor of arresting me as an old political offender in 1884 and I am no longer a "spring chicken." All I accomplished for myself in Russia by my participation in the Socialist battle was years of imprisonment, separation from my family and friends, exile for years in an arctic wilderness (where the sun does not rise above the horizon for months and the only diet consists of fish of more than doubtful freshness) and life-long exile from the country of my fathers.

My activity as a writer for Socialist publications in the United States brought me "kicks" and "glory," but nothing more substantial. Comrade Spargo cannot therefore, by any stretch of imagination call me a "grafter." Besides this negative qualification (of not being a grafter) I may claim a positive one. I approach the question in good faith as I do not have the honor of personal acquaintance with either of the comrades—neither with Spargo nor with McGrady. One more explanatory word I must add before I try to answer the question: Who's the grafter? I do not write this letter in order to defend Comrade McGrady. I am certain he can defend himself and is able to stand on his own merit.

Comrade Spargo starts in with a grandiloquent accusation of Comrade McGrady, that he has dealt in personalities in his reply. I think that Comrade Spargo is not fair in this accusation.

The first letter of Comrade Spargo, addressed to the editor of the Social Democratic Herald, was full of personal invectives, it was in fact written in the characteristic style of "The People" and I was naturally disappointed when I found the signature of Comrade Spargo, instead of "The Greatest of All

Daniels," at the bottom of the letter. Comrade McGrady's personal allusions were a direct reply to Comrade Spargo's indirect insinuations, that was all.

The statement of Comrade McGrady: "Services (in the Socialist movement, as long as capitalism rules—when Socialism will be an accomplished fact there will be no need either of Comrade Spargo's or Comrade McGrady's services) today are worth just what they will bring in the capitalist market, for the law of competition is the measure of price," is perfectly correct and true. The fact that Comrade McGrady made this statement proves only that he is not used to "Revolutionary cant" so dear to the hearts of the adherents of "cheap Socialism." Comrade McGrady knows too well that the capitalist measure of price is not a correct one, nor a just one. However he has common sense enough to realize the futility of denying the facts of actual life. To call Comrade McGrady, for the mere statement of an economic truth—a strange product—a Socialist with a capitalistic mind and soul—is simply DIS-HONEST.

Indeed it is not Comrade McGrady, but his opponent who proves by his own words that he is "a strange product" etc.

If Socialism stands for anything—it stands for the maxim: "All the product of toil to the toiler."

If capitalism stands for anything it is for the maxim: "As little to the toiler from his product of his toil as possible."

Capitalists never pay even to their most trusted and highly valued servants more than they actually are compelled to. They exploit even their speakers, writers, agitators, etc. The price of services on the capitalist market is always lower than the actual value of these services. This is the very essence of the parasitic system we Socialists are fighting against.

We Socialists cannot pay higher prices for services rendered to our cause than the market price, because we live in a parasitic system. But we ought not to exploit those who render these services more than the capitalists do at least.

Comrade Spargo tries to cover his "capitalistic mind and soul" by euphonious phrases about "self-sacrifice" and cites Karl Marx as an

illustrations ideal of a Socialist. He however does not explain: what moral right we, of the rank and file, have to expect self-sacrifices from the most gifted members of our party? If those most gifted members were ready to sacrifice themselves for our interests to the extent of self-effacement—we of the rank and file ought to be ashamed to accept such unnecessary sacrifices and at the same time pretend to fight for social economic justice. Truly, there is enough phariseism and cant in the arguments of Comrade Spargo to make me feel as if he is playing to the galleries.

I. Ladoff, Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 18th.

Dear Herald: Enclosed please find \$5.00 for one share in the Herald. I only need to get the paper for 10 years to get the money all back, let alone the good the money does the cause. I like the Herald any way, so even though I cannot spare the money, I will anyway, for if I wait till I can spare it, I never will send it.

H. A. Wright, Plainfield.

Dear Editor: The sample copy of your paper which I sent for has arrived in time, and I must say in all candor that I was surprised when I saw it and read it. I doubt if there is a Socialist paper in the United States that is so well made up to say the least. I like its general make-up, and its reading matter is superb.

I hope the paper every success and that you will have a large circulation for you well deserve it. I shall always recommend it to my friends.

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Comrade Fred. Alken of Two Rivers, Wis., in sending in a contribution to the moving fund, writes: "I am glad you are exposing the fakirs in the party."

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THE ONE WOMAN. By Thomas Dixon, Jr. Illustrated, cloth, 320 pages. Price \$1.50. New York: Doubleday, Page & Company, Publishers.

Here is an author who deliberately sets himself the task of blackguarding Socialism, and yet one who has "succeeded" to such an extent that we, as a Socialist publication, can recommend the book! This is because the plot itself defeats the author's purpose, and also because he has written a strong story in a fascinating way, which from the point of mere entertainment, the main purpose of a novel, of course, is far ahead of nine-tenths of the fiction that finds its way to the book counter and the reviewing table. It is a story of flesh and blood, and the characters, to draw it mild, are warm blooded creatures. It is full of dramatic points and the conversations are all human and natural.

As a novel it is a success, as an attack on Socialism a failure. Mr. Dixon sets out to show that free love is a tenet of Socialism, and the main character is a preacher of the cause of the people, a man with the force of a Davie, who in expounding the cause of the people considers himself a Socialist. His dream of a great people's church, towering skyward in pure marble and gold-domed, comes to realization through the aid of a millionaire convert, whom he marries after a ceremony of his own construction, after divorcing his first wife—the one woman. Of course, it is because he is a Socialist that he cuts up this eminently capitalistic paper, but when a hard-headed anti-Socialist, a banker named Overman, persuades the second wife to take advantage of the free ceremony that binds her to the preacher and to desert him, the author does not seem to notice the inconsistency. There is a duel between the preacher and banker during which the latter is killed and it is the one woman, the cruelly deserted first wife, who secures the pardon that saves her recreant husband from the electric chair. And they are remarried. We Socialists need not fear such a palpably misleading story, and do not hesitate to recommend it for its actual merit.

Wilshire's for October.

The Labor Situation in Japan is ably described in Wilshire's Magazine for October by Kichii Kaneko, a Japanese who keeps in close touch with affairs in his own country while at present making a study of social questions in America. Seymour Steinhilber takes up some of the legal aspects of strikes. N. O. Nelson, the St. Louis millionaire Socialist, in The New Unionism of America, writes of the tendency toward Socialism now exhibiting itself in the labor movement. The recently exposed frauds upon the Indians of the Indian Territory by members of the Dawes Commission is the subject of an article by Mr. Joseph O. Brant-Sera, a Mohawk chief. The International Race for the World's Market by Margaret Ilaile, The Bird of Dreams, by Adeline Champney, and H. M. Hyndman, the noted English economist, on An English View of the American Trust.

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pecially urge the women folks to observe this rule, also!

The Herald has received a communication, signed C. T. H. Westphal, in which it is denied that he was one of the promoters of the fake club in the Tenth ward. "I have never authorized anyone to use my name and have never been in sympathy with such a move," he writes. It was his son's name that was signed. He adds: "You also claimed in the same issue that I was short in my accounts as treasurer of the Pub. Co., which is untrue; any mistakes found for or against the Pub. Co., in auditing the books, were immediately corrected, consequently there could have been no shortage." We see no reason to correct our statement of last week, however. The facts are that the committee appointed by the party in Milwaukee to investigate the work of the treasurer reported that the books showed gross negligence and criminal carelessness and that Comrade Westphal had made up the shortage with the exception of an item of \$25. The committee went further than this and recommended his expulsion from the party. This recommendation was not followed out by the central committee, but instead the central committee passed a motion (with no one voting against it out of the forty-seven present) that hereafter he was to be barred from holding any position of trust or honor in the party. The books speak for themselves, and are the best evidence when it comes down to a question as to a shortage.

The attempt to start an opposition Tenth Ward Social Democratic branch last Saturday evening, was a very laughable affair. There was a nondescript group of bosses and dupes present, scarcely any of whom lived in the ward. One poor dupe was made chairman and his first act was to ask all those from the Tenth ward to rise. It was a bad break! Two men, unknown to our informants, rose up in addition to Dr. Berger and Robert Miller. Immler, Palm, Westphal and several from the Twenty-first ward had to keep their seats. This naturally raised a laugh on the part of the onlookers who were immediately threatened by Immler with clenched fists. Then speeches were made by the bosses of the crowd: Miller, Dr. Berger, Immler and Palm, the latter launching out into an anarchistic tirade so characteristic of him. Every decent, loyal member of the Social Democratic party in Milwaukee who has taken a stand for clean politics and a party above chicanery was denounced as a boss and the member of a clique, especially by Palm, who became very much down on "bosses" some years ago when party members refused to have the local Socialist paper help him dispose of some real estate to the city! Dr. Berger foamed at the mouth over an alleged request of the campaign managers when he was the party's candidate for congress that he help make up a fund of sixty dollars to spread literature over the district. He falsely claimed that he was asked to donate the entire sum, and forgot to say that he refused to contribute when he could not have the words: "Vote for Dr. Berger—Great Chance to Win!" printed on the literature in big type, his sole interest being in making a personal run for the office instead of a campaign for the party and its principles. Abuse and billingsgate was the burden of the other slick fellows and cut and dried resolutions, full of abuse, were promptly passed by the dupes.

We might suggest for the benefit of the fake Tenth ward "Socialist" club that it busy itself with renewing that great agitation for a north side park, so vigorously led some time ago by Dr. Berger and Robert Miller. The Miller family owns a large tract of land near where the park was to be located, although the promoters of the scheme have never admitted that this was the secret of their great "public spirit!"

All who want to join a study class, to meet under the leadership of the city organizer once a month at the new headquarters, are asked to send their name and address, with statements of books already read on the subject, to Comrade Gaylord. Also state what night of the week you would prefer. Now don't just tell somebody, but write it down and send it in.

The Patternmakers' union in Milwaukee last week again subscribed for The Social Democratic Herald in a body, the subscriptions to be paid from the treasury. The Patternmakers are pace-makers! And that's no joke, either!

Comrade Barkowski addressed a noon mass meeting Wednesday at the Harvest works with great success. He made a great hit with the men.

Picnic tickets.

In last week's report Geo. Hassenman was credited with 10 cents instead of 70 cents and Chas. Felsch with \$1.00 twice instead of only once. The total as it appeared in last week's report was correct.

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W. R. Gaylord has been invited to address the Six O'clock Club of Madison on the subject of Socialism on Nov. 3.

Two big mass meetings of the Social Democratic party will be held Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 5 o'clock p. m., cor. Greenbush and Beecher sts. Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25th, at 2 o'clock, at Kosciuszko park. Speaker, A. R. Barkowski, in Polish. English speakers will also be present. All are welcome for free discussion, Republicans and Democrats.

There is a movement among South Side Socialists to establish a headquarters somewhere on Grove street. It will be kept open evenings and Sundays and will be a homelike place where members of the South Side branches can meet and hold discussions and plan for the coming campaign.

City Organizer Notes.

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The Town of Lake Branch has decided to keep up their regular meetings once a month during the winter, and ordered a supply of Merrie Englands to be used by the members in a study of Socialism at the meetings.

The first week's work of the City Organizer was a busy one. In addition to the usual office routine and correspondence, and such help in the carpentering at the new headquarters, there was a meeting every night except Monday night, and on Friday night two.

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Wauwatosa has had its fair share of the doctrine of Socialism, rades Gaylord and Social that bough on Thursday last week and addressed a arranged by a comrade. there. There was a good



Beauty Chorus in "The Good Old Summer Time," Alhambra Theater.

in the east. The company is a large one—there are sixty-five people on the stage—and is headed by "Honest Boy" George Evans. The costumes are elaborate and the staging superb.

and a promising interest shown at the addresses. We expect to see an organization there before

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13TH GREAT ANNIVERSARY SALE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 30 and 31.

Clothing, Hats, Caps, Underwear, Gloves, Mittens, Etc. will be sold at unusually low prices.

TWO H. & S. GREEN TRADING STAMPS for one in every department during this sale. **THREE** stamps for one on every first 50c purchase of Underwear. **TWO** for one on balance. If sale of Underwear amounts to \$1.00, you get 25 stamps instead of ten. If sale of Furnishings or Clothing amounts to \$10.00, you get 250 stamps instead of 100 etc.

Young Men's and Men's Suits and Overcoats

When we tell you that we are going to give you the value of your lifetime, in Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats at this our Anniversary Sale, we are in position to back up the statement with the goods. We have secured for this sale the greatest values ever placed on the market for

\$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$13.50, \$15.00

We invite you to inspect our line, compare same with what others sell at the same prices, and we leave the rest to your good judgment. In looking over our line you will find that all the choicest known fabrics have been used in their manufacture. No "Dead Ones" or "Back Numbers" can be found in our stock—but all we show you are new snappy creations—the perfect modeled shoulders, the lapels lying flat and stiff with an easy turning roll, collars that are smart, snug and high, fronts that are well interfaced and proof against creasing and breaking. Every garment is a model of grace and beauty.

A Few Special Anniversary Sale Prices

Gloves and Mittens
Men's genuine Buckskin Chopper Mitts, extra heavy, unlined, outseams. Price..... 50c
Men's drab colored, extra weight genuine horse hide unlined Mitts, string fasteners. Price..... 25c
Men's unlined genuine Horse Hide Gloves, outseams, string fasteners. Price..... 35c
Men's unlined, drab colored, genuine horse hide gunmetal railroad Gloves, welled seams, reinforced thumb, good value at \$1.50, this sale..... \$1.00
Men's drab first quality, horse hide faced Mitts, fleece lined, soft tops. Price..... 35c
Men's extra heavy drab horse hide faced Mitts, heavy wool knit top, heavy wool knit lining. Price..... 50c
Men's Fur Mitts, they will all want them. Sold everywhere at 50c. Sale Price..... 37c
Men's colored and black Fur Dog Skin Mitts, fur lined, worth \$2.75, Sale Price..... \$1.75



Cut out this slip, present same at time of your purchase and get \$1.00 worth of stamps FREE.

Underwear
Men's heavy wool, fleece lined Underwear, in blue or tan, the same as others advertised at 65c. This sale..... 33c
Men's extra heavy Underwear, in blue or tan, the same as others advertised at 75c. Price per suit..... 75c

Wool Hose
One case of men's natural color wool Hose. This sale..... 10c
a Pair..... 25c
Men's natural grey or brown wool Hose. This sale..... 20c
a Pair..... 50c

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